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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN-GHANAIAN RELATIONS

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1. WE ARE AS PUZZLED AS LUSAKA ABOUT KAUNDA STATEMENT AND, APPARENTLY, MFA IS AS WELL. RELATIONS WERE RESUMED IN JANUARY, 1970, WITH NON-RESIDENT MISSIONS, AND LATEST ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER (KALYATI, RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN) PRESENTED CREDENTIALS IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

2. SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ERIC OTOO (WHO, AS HC IN NAIROBI, WAS FIRST HC TO ZAMBIA IN NEW SERIES) TOLD CHARGE GHANA TV HAD PICKED UP STORY BUY MFA HAD HAD IT KILLED. OTOO SEEMED UNAWARE THAT THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIED STORY AND PLAYED IT AS IF 1966 BREAK HAD NOT BEEN RESTORED. IN PASSING, OTOO NOTED THAT USG WAS "OCCUPYING" GHANAIAN PROPERTY IN LUSAKA AND SEEMED TO THINK GHANA COULD RETURN TO POSSESSION WHEN IT WAS NEEDED.

3. WE AGREE THAT PRESUMABLY KAUNDA MEANT RESIDENT MISSIONS, BUT GOG KNOWS NO MORE THAN PRESS ACCOUNT.

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